

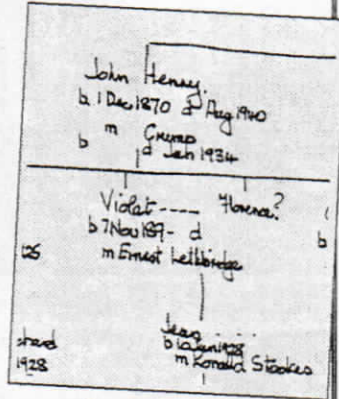
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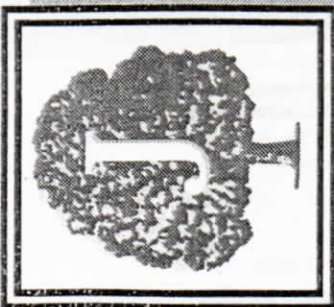


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The country lanes of Northamptonshire and Oxfordshire havent seen so many cars for a long time - no, it wasn't lost drivers from the nearby British Grand Prix at Silverstone, but Josselins on the move!!



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# THE SOCIETY'S VISIT TO ALTHORPE AND SULGRAVE JULY 11 1999

**N**ineteen members of the society enjoyed a very interesting day firstly visiting Althorpe the home of the Spencer family since 1486. After parking the cars in spacious car parks, a courtesy bus took you up to the house. There were many members of uniformed staff to guide you to the various exhibitions held in the stable blocks; one covered Diana's childhood including charming 'home-made' movies by her Father showing her christening and earlier years.

The highlight of the exhibitions was the display of her wedding dress and accessories. The many beautiful gowns and suits, etc. on show were displayed in large 'shop window' display cases. On leaving you passed by the open air refreshment area and here we met many other Josselins; we were very pleased to see Peggy (No.84) who had made the trip having just had a hip replacement operation.

We then viewed the ground floor of the house, many valuable paintings especially Reynolds, Stubbs and Gainsboroughs together with many pieces of antique furniture and sculptures. The Saloon showed numerous portraits of members of the Spencer family and their medals and decorations awarded for public service. Finally the Garden Lobby showed collections of Meissen and Sevres porcelain.

You were then guided to the Round Oval (lake) where on the island Diana, Princess of Wales was interred in 1997. The cameo shown opposite is on the memorial to her and where flowers are still brought in abundance by members of the public.

Above right:  
Brian Joscelyne (06) and Margaret Joslin (29) along with Mary and Ben Joscelyne (09) outside Althorpe House.  
All photographs by Peter Joslin (29)

Right:  
Brian Joscelyne (06) at Sulgrave Manor, visible below the window is the Washington family coat of arms.



Above:  
Brenda & Nick Joscelyne (95), Margaret Joslin (29), Brenda & Paul Humphries (90) and Paul & Kathleen Joslin (93) outside Sulgrave Manor.





## DESCENDANTS OF POLLARD JOSCELIN (JOCELYNE)

14 Dec 1998

Descendants of: Pollard JOSCELIN (JOCELYNE)

Lunch was arranged at The Old Dairy Farm Centre at Upper Stowe and following the route maps given us by No 9, we made our way there for 1pm. Our party was given its own dining area and we were served delicious meals. To tempt us was a very well stocked gift shop and a farm area to view with baby piglets, peacocks, etc.

It was decided that we then travel to Sulgrave House convoy style; this went well for a few miles then our lead car suddenly had a mind of its own!! I cannot say anymore other than we did get to Sulgrave only a few minutes late and they were only just ready for us.

Our guide at Sulgrave Manor was Mr. Sirot-Smith. The Manor was stone built and is the ancestral home of the George Washington family. It was built at the time of Henry VIII with a wing added in the 18th century. You see traditional Tudor country furniture, a Victorian stone flagged open hearth Kitchen, Georgian furnishings, also genuine George Washington artefacts.

You find out where the terms bed and board, cupboard and sideboard all come from and Mr. Sirot-Smith was able to take us back to those days when the house was lived in. We left glad that we were living in the present day.

Gradually the party broke up to wend their separate ways home. It had been a very enjoyable day thanks to Peter (29) for the idea of Althorpe and the lunch stop and thanks to Ben (9) for Sulgrave. Thanks must also go to Celia Deely, the Althorpe Visitor Manager, for her help over booking and introducing us to the Old Dairy Farm. We were sorry Bill and Peggy (2) were at the last minute unable to join us, hence I drew the short straw to write this report.

Mary Joscelyne

- 1 Pollard JOSCELIN (JOCELYNE) b. < 1726 d. 8 Apr 1768\* Manuden  
m. 7 May 1747 Stansted Mountfitchet Alice GIFFIN b. 3 Nov 1723\* Stansted Mountfitchet d. 11 Apr 1776\* Manuden
- 2 Joseph JOSCELIN (JOSLEN) b. 16 Oct 1748\* Stansted Mountfitchet d. 9 Nov 1776\* Manuden  
m. 25 Jun 1772 Manuden Elizabeth MARKWELL b. c 1741 d. 15 Nov 1824\* Manuden
- 3 Polard JOCELYN (JOCELYN) b. 14 Mar 1773\* Manuden d. 11 Jan 1847\* Little Hallingbury  
m. 3 May 1803 Little Hallingbury Mary WRIGHT b. 23 Dec 1781\* Elsenham d. 19 May 1821\* Little Hallingbury
- 4 William JOCELYN b. 1 Jul 1804\* Little Hallingbury d. 28 May 1828\* Little Hallingbury
- 4 Mary JOCELYN b. 1 Nov 1805\* Little Hallingbury d. 20 May 1835\* Little Hallingbury
- 4 John JOCELYN b. 22 May 1807\* Little Hallingbury d. 15 Aug 1808\* Little Hallingbury
- 4 Thomas JOCELYN b. 16 Dec 1808\* Little Hallingbury d. 23 Mar 1809\* Little Hallingbury
- 4 Joseph JOCELYN b. 23 Dec 1809 Little Hallingbury d. 1897 Q1 [B Stortford]
- 4 Elizabeth JOCELYN b. 26 Apr 1811\* Little Hallingbury d. 12 May 1827\* Little Hallingbury
- 4 Anne JOCELYN b. 16 Apr 1814\* Little Hallingbury
- 4 Sarah JOCELYN b. 1 Jun 1818\* Little Hallingbury  
m. 30 Nov 1838 Little Hallingbury William GLASSCOCK b. 1813
- 3 James JOSCELYN b. 12 Feb 1775\* Manuden
- 3 Sarah JOSCELYNE b. 27 Oct 1776\* Manuden d. 3 Oct 1834\* Little Hallingbury
- 2 John JOSCELIN b. 15 Jul 1750\* Stansted Mountfitchet
- 2 Thomas JOSLEN (JOSLING) b. 16 Aug 1752\* Manuden d. 10 Apr 1799\* Stansted Mountfitchet  
m. 25 Jun 1772 Stansted Mountfitchet Sarah GRAY b. 3 May 1752\* Stansted Mountfitchet d. 20 Jan 1788\* Stansted  
m. 30 Mar 1796 Quendon Hannah WRIGHT (nee COWLER) b. bef 1763
- 3 William JOSLING b. 15 Nov 1772\* Stansted Mountfitchet d. 30 Apr 1789\* Stansted Mountfitchet
- 3 Joseph JOSLING b. 30 Sep 1774\* Stansted Mountfitchet d. 22 Sep 1784\* Stansted Mountfitchet
- 3 James JOSLING(G) b. 3 Nov 1776\* Stansted Mountfitchet d. 13 Mar 1853 Stansted  
m. 25 Dec 1797 Elsenham Mary KNIGHT b. 1 Apr 1772\* Thaxted d. 17 Oct 1859 Henham
- 4 Mary JOSLING b. 6 Oct 1799\* Stansted Mountfitchet
- 4 John JOSLING b. 8 Nov 1801\* Stansted Mountfitchet d. 6 Aug 1802\* Stansted Mountfitchet
- 4 Sarah JOSLING b. 26 Jun 1803\* Stansted Mountfitchet
- 4 Hanner (sic) JOSLING (JOCELYNE) b. 17 Mar 1805\* Stansted Mountfitchet  
m. 1 Jun 1838 Quendon William TURNER b. bef 1820
- 4 Amy JOSLING b. 8 Mar 1807\* Stansted Mountfitchet
- 4 George JOCELYN (JOSLING) b. 29 Jan 1809\* Stansted Mountfitchet d. 14 Jun 1880 Little Hallingbury  
m. c 1828 Susannah BURRELL b. 12 Apr 1810 Little Hallingbury d. 29 May 1878 Little Hallingbury
- 4 William JOSLING(G) b. 26 Jan 1812\* Stansted Mountfitchet  
m. 12 Oct 1839 Stansted Mountfitchet Mary TYLER b. c 1820 Stansted Mountfitchet
- 4 Elizabeth JOSLING (JOCELYN) b. 3 Jul 1814\* Stansted Mountfitchet  
m. 27 Feb 1838 Herts, Bishops Stortford Thomas BANKS b. bef 1816
- 3 Jesse JOSLING b. 25 Apr 1779\* Stansted Mountfitchet d. 27 Jul 1786\* Stansted Mountfitchet
- 3 Sarah JOSLING b. 5 Aug 1781\* Stansted Mountfitchet  
m. 8 Oct 1808 Stansted Mountfitchet John BLACK b. bef 1788
- 3 Sophia JOSLING b. 10 Dec 1786\* Stansted Mountfitchet
- 2 James JOCELYN b. 30 Mar 1755\* Manuden d. 27 Aug 1784\* Berden  
m. 10 Nov 1778 Littlebury Sarah PETCHEY (PEACHEY) b. bef 1758
- 2 William JOCELYN b. 13 Feb 1757\* Manuden d. bef Feb 1775
- 2 Sarah JOCELYN b. 11 Mar 1759\* Manuden  
m. 2 Mar 1779 Manuden George MARTIN b. c 1760 d. 1 May 1841\* Essex, Clavering
- 2 Daniel JOCELYN b. 8 Mar 1761\* Manuden
- 2 Richard JOCELYN b. 6 Nov 1763\* Manuden d. 19 Jan 1803\* Sawbridgeworth  
m. 13 Jun 1786 Sawbridgeworth Susan(na) PERRY b. bef 1766
- 3 Sarah JOCELYN b. 8 Apr 1787\* Sawbridgeworth  
m. 1 Sep 1810 Sawbridgeworth John MILLER b. bef 1790
- 3 Elizabeth JOSLIN b. 22 Sep 1793\* Sawbridgeworth
- 3 Ann JOSLYN b. 1 Mar 1795\* Sawbridgeworth
- 3 John JOCELYN b. 5 Mar 1797\* Sawbridgeworth d. 12 Mar 1828\* Sawbridgeworth  
m. 25 Dec 1819 Sawbridgeworth Elizabeth DORE b. c 1785 ? d. 10 Oct 1840\* Herts, Stortford Union ?
- 3 Robert JOCELYN b. 3 Mar 1799\* Sawbridgeworth d. 10 Oct 1834\* Sawbridgeworth
- 3 William JOSELYN b. 6 Sep 1801\* Sawbridgeworth d. 13 Jul 1864\* Sawbridgeworth  
m. bef 1831 Mary Ann w W Jocelyn b. c 1798 d. 10 Jan 1848 Sawbridgeworth  
m. aft 1848 Sarah w W Jocelyn b. c 1817 d. 2 Mar 1856 Sawbridgeworth
- 4 Mary Ann JOCELYN b. 11 Sep 1831\* Sawbridgeworth d. bef 1864  
m. bef 1853 [B Stortford] William Henry LITTLER b. bef 1833
- 4 William JOCELYN b. 18 May 1834\* Sawbridgeworth d. 24 Mar 1835\* Sawbridgeworth
- 4 Robert JOCELYN b. 3 Jul 1835\* Sawbridgeworth
- 4 Unnamed JOCELYN b. Jan/Feb 1837 d. 12 Feb 1837\* Sawbridgeworth
- 4 John JOCELYN b. 2 Dec 1837 Sawbridgeworth d. 28 Jan 1865 Sawbridgeworth
- 4 Elizabeth JOCELYN b. 20 Feb 1856\* Sawbridgeworth

This information has been kindly supplied by Vernon Lane





# THREE YEARS OF MY LIFE IN THE WOMEN'S LAND ARMY 1943-1946 Part 2

J.E. Bongilli  
Member No. 51

**NOW WORKING ON A  
PERMANENT BASIS IN  
CHARGE OF NEW  
TRAINEES AT THE  
SURREY FARM, JOAN  
BONGILLI TAKES UP THE  
STORY SHE BEGAN IN  
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I did try to make myself as useful as possible, such as starting the fire under the boiler for the hot water and splitting the logs as the first job in the morning.

Mastering the art of milking proved a painful process and required so much effort and energy. I developed blistered fingers and the pain kept my throbbing hands dangling over the side of the bed at night. In the morning they were swollen and stiff until I got going with the milking when they would gradually loosen up. At last I overcame all the teething and was proud to be able to cope with the heaviest milkers.

After 8 o'clock breakfast, we were back in the sheds again – cleaning and sterilizing the equipment, mucking out and washing down the sheds. The bull had to be fed and brought out from his self-contained dwelling to drink from the trough.

Work during the winter was extra hard as the cows were kept in at night. Bales of straw and hay had to be humped about for bedding and food, mangolds sliced and silage prepared. The job we hated most was muck spreading. Large heaps of manure were dotted about the field and with forks had to be flung about as evenly as possible. This was incredibly exhausting.

After 1 o'clock dinner, tired out, we would sleep for a brief half an hour. At 2 o'clock we were out again to bring in the cows for afternoon milking. One call 'come on' would bring them sauntering across the field and to their respective places in the shed, where there would be a feed of dried protein pellets waiting. The

greedy ones always tried poking their heads into their neighbours ration before we could chain them.

Then came the afternoon routine of scrubbing the hindquarters, shampooing tails, then on with the milking. This regime was sufficient to tax the strength of the most robust, but in the summer we would be back in the fields after tea, helping with the hay-making and harvesting until about 8.00 or 9.00 pm.

We developed enormous appetites but as agricultural workers were allowed extra rations of cheese and bread, tea usually consisted of huge dollops of macaroni cheese and numerous rounds of bread spread with whatever we could muster from home. Our consumption of bread was so great that it was kept in a dustbin. Our one luxury was a bedtime chocolate drink which we made ourselves with hot milk and copious spoonfuls of rich chocolate powder, I had never tasted anything so delectable for so long.

The highlight of the week was one half day off. We had almost a mile trek through woods to the main road where buses ran to Guildford where I usually luxuriated in three hours of blissful entertainment at the cinema and afterwards on to the Y.M.C.A. canteen for beans on toast. That was like manna from heaven. So meagre were our basic rations that eating out did occasionally offer a little more variety to our monotonous diet. People today would be amazed if they realised that our weekly rations of sugar, butter, cheese, meat, bacon and one egg would barely cover a small dinner plate. A points system gave us a choice of a few sundry groceries when available, fresh fruit was almost unobtainable unless one had access to English apples.



We had a free weekend every third week - the only respite from our enclosed existence and a chance to indulge in two days free from the back breaking routine, that was if the Luftwaffe allowed us an interval of peace. One weekend I arrived home to find three houses in our road had been destroyed and many more with all the windows blown out, including our house, but luckily no lives were lost.

The girls who came to the farm every six weeks came from all walks of life, some were tall and beautiful and more suitable as models. Others had been educated at public schools and two sisters with their hair bleached like straw (which was unusual in those days) went to bed in their Land Army pullovers. Later the cowman decided to take on another permanent girl. She was about my age and we became good buddies. I think having each other to confide in helped to keep our sanity.

Despite the beauty of our surroundings, there was a dark brooding atmosphere which hung over the place. When I first

*Above and opposite: the author pictured during her wartime years in the Women's Land Army*

arrived at the farm, the cowman appeared friendly, sociable and a pleasant young man, but it soon became apparent that he suffered from frequent mood changes. Some mornings he would be silent, morose and bad tempered and he would vent his feelings on the cows. If one started to fidget or kick the bucket he would beat the poor thing mercilessly with his stool.

The cowman's wife, whose lot I suppose was to be pitied, was equally morose and bad tempered. They were living under the same roof with a minimum of communication between them and her anger was often vented on us for no valid reason.

When the cowman took his week's holiday I was left in charge although he did stay at home. Of course that meant there was extra milking for us and naturally we were later than usual for breakfast. Instead of a





little encouragement for our efforts, we were subjected to verbal abuse for being late. At times it seemed as if we had been sentenced to a period of hard labour with no end in sight.

Often the cows required some intervention during calving and we girls gave a helping hand, or pull to be accurate. The cowman would insert his arm into the vagina up to his elbow to ease out the calf, and, after roping its legs, we would pull at the right moments like a tug of war.

After almost three years of rural life without newspapers or radio, I wondered how much longer I would have to endure the wearisome routine of early rising, trudging around the sheds, living in gum-boots and smelly dungarees and cutting kale on freezing or wet mornings with numb fingers, not to

mention sawing logs with snow on the ground. After all, the war had been over for almost a year and there were no signs of my being allowed back to my old job in the Inland Revenue, although the tax office in Croydon was desperately short staffed.

However, one day in 1946 my sojourn came to an abrupt end when I slipped in the cowshed and badly dislocated my knee. The injury had been aggravated through the delay in receiving medical attention. I shall never forget lying in bed the next morning, listening to the clanking buckets in the shed while dozing blissfully. I felt like a slightly wounded soldier who had suddenly been released from the front line.

I promptly handed in my notice knowing I would be unable to resume any heavy

duties for a long time but I never realised this action would cause me so much trouble. On reporting to the Labour Exchange I was told I was not eligible for unemployment benefit for six weeks as I had absented myself from work 'without good cause', nor could I claim sickness benefit because there was a question mark as to whether I was entitled to workman's compensation. I suggested that I should be allowed to resume my old job, waiting for me, but that was too simple a solution for bureaucracy to contemplate, after all, my doctor had certified that I was unfit for agricultural work.

I was becoming frustrated with this ridiculous situation with no income, so in desperation I wrote to the Minister of Labour explaining my plight. Soon after I was called to the Labour Exchange to see the supervisor. I was admonished for having 'gone over her head', and was treated like a recalcitrant child. But without much delay I was back to my office job, having to cope with the newly introduced tax deduction scheme, which preceded our present P.A.Y.E. but it was warm and comfortable to be back again

Mrs Joan E. Bongilli  
Banbury 1998

*Footnote: The farm estate featured in this story where Joan Bongilli spent her wartime years is in fact situated not far from my home in Frensham, Surrey, and the cottages where Joan lived are still marked on the local Ordinance Survey map. As a serious cyclist I hope to visit it one day returning from one of my long bike rides to see how it has changed.*

Simon Joslin (05) co-editor

**HERE ENDS A VERY INTERESTING ACCOUNT OF ONE ASPECT OF LIFE IN WARTIME BRITAIN THAT IS SO OFTEN FORGOTTEN OR OVERLOOKED, SURVIVING MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S LAND ARMY HAVE FOR MANY YEARS CAMPAIGNED FOR PROPER RECOGNITION OF THEIR WORK DURING WHAT WAS ONE OF THE WORST PERIODS IN OUR HISTORY**

## A JOSLIN WINE

### LeGrys Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc

LeGrys Vineyard and Mud House Wine Company Ltd is owned and run by John and Jennifer (nee LeGrys) Joslin, Conders Bend Road, Renwick, Marlborough, New Zealand.

This Vineyard, established in 1993 produces 3 major wine varieties from the acclaimed wine region of Marlborough. The Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay from this area are world famous for their distinctive flavours. The Pinot Noir is now gaining a reputation in its own right.

The Sauvignon Blanc shows typical fruit character, strong smoke/herbal aromas overlaying gooseberry and honeysuckle. Full and mouthfilling in an easy drinking style, Medium to full bodied. The special flavours of the Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc are the result of long sunshine hours, cool autumn nights and the well draining stony reverbed soils in which the vineyard is situated. 13.5% volume.

Visitors can stay on LeGrys Vineyard in a small mud block cottage set amidst the vines and sample the delights of Marlborough. They will then understand why John and Jennifer arrived in New Zealand and fell in love with the area and planted their vineyard there.

The wine is imported into England by John Lay Wines Ltd (Lay and Wheeler) of 117, Gosbecks Road Colchester, Essex C02 9JT. Telephone 01206 764446. Price for the Sauvignon Blanc is £7.99 per bottle and £8.50 for the Chardonnay (also white). They do not stock the Pinot Noir (Red). On a cash and carry basis there is a 25p bottle discount, delivery charge within a restricted area is about £8 per order under £150.

Ben and Mary Joscelyne (09)







# DESCENDANTS OF JOHN HENRY JOSLIN

## BORN IN EXETER ENGLAND 1816

The following information has been kindly supplied by Peter Walter Joslin, member No 29

1. JOHN JOSLIN #18589 b. 1816, Exeter Devon, ref: 51C GRO, occupation Turner, m. 1843, in Exeter Registration District, MARY ANN JOSLIN? #18590, b. 1821, Norton Devon, ref: 51C, d. Unknown. JOHN died 1896, Exeter Devon.  
Children:
  - i ELEANOR JOSLIN #18591 b. 1843, Exeter Reg. District, ref: GRO Fiche 51C.
  - ii MARY ANN JOSLIN #18592 b. 1846, Exeter Devon, ref: 51C.
2. iii JOHN JOSLIN #9334 b. 1849.

### SECOND GENERATION

2. JOHN JOSLIN #9334 (1.JOHN<sup>1</sup>) b. 1849, Exeter Devon, ref: 81C Devon 51C, occupation Wood Turner and later a Printers Machinist, m. (1). 1870, in Exeter Devon Registration District, MARY ? #9335, b. 1850?, Exeter Devon?, ref: 81C Devon. JOHN died 1929, Witney. Oxford Registration District. m. (2) 04-Feb-1883 at Holy Trinity Parish Church Exeter, EMILY HEARN b 1857 to Richard.  
Children:
  - i ELLEN ADA. JOSLIN #9336 b. 1871, Exeter Devon, ref: 81C Devon GRO.
3. ii JOHN HENRY. JOSLIN #9337 b. 1873.
- iii ALBERT EDWARD. JOSLIN #9338 b. 1874, Exeter Devon, ref: 81C Devon GRO, d. 1952, Banbury Oxford. Registration District.

### THIRD GENERATION

3. JOHN HENRY. JOSLIN #9337 (2.JOHN<sup>2</sup>, 1.JOHN<sup>1</sup>) b. 1873, Exeter Devon To JOHN HENRY (Printer), ref: 81C Devon GRO, occupation Clerk, m. 01-Jun-1896, in All Hallows Parish Church Exeter, EDITH CROUMP #18750, b. 1876, Exeter? To RICHARD CROUMP (Labourer), ref: GRO Fiche MC, occupation (Mother), d. 1934, Exeter Registration District. JOHN died 1940, Newton A. Registration District. Address at wedding 1, Beedles Terr. Exeter Witness RICHARD CROUMP (X) and LOUIS A. M. MAJOR.  
Children:
  4. i CECIL JOHN. JOSLIN #18688 b. 1896.
  - ii VIOLET EDITH. JOSLIN #18749 b. 1897, Exeter Registration District, ref: GRO Fiche, occupation Married 1928 E. LETHBRIDGE at Exeter.
5. iii CHARLES HENRY. JOSLIN #17707 b. 1900.
- iv FLORENCE LOUISA. JOSLIN #18751 b. 1902, St.Thomas Exeter Registration District, ref: GRO Fiche, d. 1903, St.Thomas Exeter Registration District.
6. v RICHARD LESLIE. JOSLIN #15373 b. 29-Dec-1904.
- vi KATHLEEN MABEL. JOSLIN #18752 b. 1903, St.Thomas Exeter Registration District, ref: GRO Fiche, occupation Married 1953 SAUNDERS at Wood Green.
7. vii EDWARD WILLIAM. JOSLIN #17109 b. 1909.

### FOURTH GENERATION

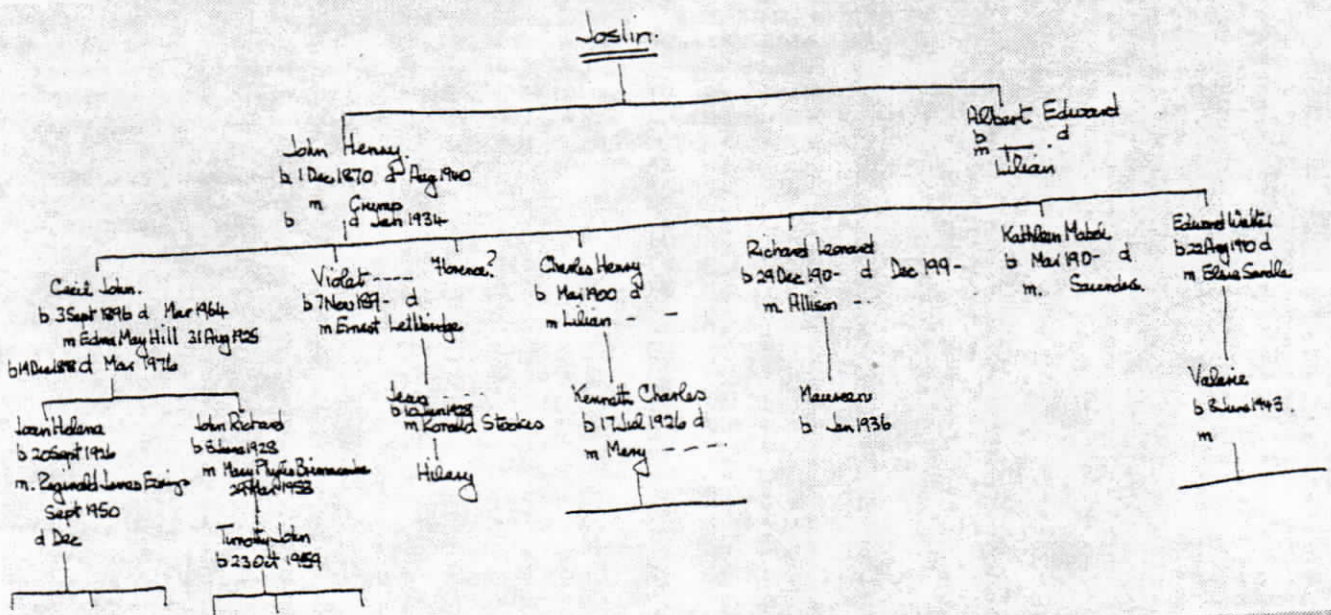
4. CECIL JOHN. JOSLIN #18688 (3.JOHN<sup>3</sup>, 2.JOHN<sup>2</sup>, 1.JOHN<sup>1</sup>) b. 1896, Exeter Registration District, ref: GRO Fiche, m. 1925, in Exeter Registration District, EDNA MAY. HILL #18689, b. 1898, Exeter Registration District, ref: GRO Fiche, d. 1976, Exeter Registration District. CECIL died 1964, Exeter Registration District.  
Children:
    - i JOAN HELENA. JOSLIN #18690 b. 20-Sep-1926, Exeter Registration District, ref: GRO Fiche, occupation? Married 1950 EWINGS at Exeter.
  8. ii JOHN RICHARD. JOSLIN #18739 b. 08-Jun-1928.
5. CHARLES HENRY. JOSLIN #17707 (3.JOHN<sup>3</sup>, 2.JOHN<sup>2</sup>, 1.JOHN<sup>1</sup>) b. 1900, St.Thomas Devon Registration District, ref: GRO Fiche, m. 1924, in Exeter Registration District, LILY A. E. STAPLETON #17708, b. 1900?, Devon ?, ref: GRO Fiche, d. Unknown, Remarried in 1964 To BELLAMY at Colchester. CHARLES died 1961, Colchester Registration District. Lived at Clacton Essex  
Children:
    9. i KENNETH CHARLES S. JOSLIN #15464 b. 17-Jul-1926.



6. RICHARD LESLIE JOSLIN #15373 (3.JOHN<sup>3</sup>, 2.JOHN<sup>2</sup>, 1.JOHN<sup>1</sup>) b. 29-Dec-1904, St.Thomas Registration District Devon, ref: GRO Fiche, occupation Unknown, m. 1931, in St.Thomas Exeter Registration District, ALISON NORA T. WYATT #18753, b. 1904, St.Thomas Exeter Registration District? ref: GRO Fiche, d. 1994, MID Devon Registration District. RICHARD died -Jan-1990, Mid Devon Registration District.  
Children:  
i MAUREEN A. JOSLIN #18754 b. 1936, BARNSTAPLE Registration District, ref: GRO Fiche.
7. EDWARD WILLIAM JOSLIN #17109 (3.JOHN<sup>3</sup>, 2.JOHN<sup>2</sup>, 1.JOHN<sup>1</sup>) b. 1909, St.Thomas Devon Registration District, ref: GRO Fiche, m. 1940, in Exeter Registration District,  
ELSIE L. M. SANDLE #17110, b. 1909?, Exeter Registration District, ref: GRO Fiche.  
EDWARD died 1960, Exeter Registration District.  
Children:  
i VALERIE E. JOSLIN #17111 b. 1943, Exeter Registration District, ref: GRO Fiche, occupation ? Married TROUNCE 1966.

### FIFTH GENERATION

8. JOHN RICHARD JOSLIN #18739 (4.CECIL<sup>4</sup>, 3.JOHN<sup>3</sup>, 2.JOHN<sup>2</sup>, 1.JOHN<sup>1</sup>) b. 08-Jun-1928, Exeter Registration District, ref: GRO Fiche, m. 29-Mar-1958, in Surrey N. Registration District, MARY PHYLIS BRIMCOMBE #18740, b. 1930?, Surrey?, ref: GRO Fiche. CONTACT ON JULY 24 98 JOIN JOSSELYN SO. 76,KINGS ROAD.HENLEY ON THAMES.OXON RG9 2DQ PHONE 01491 578247  
Children:  
i TIMOTHY JOHN JOSLIN #18741 b. 1959, Surrey NE. Registration District, ref: GRO Fiche.
9. KENNETH CHARLES S. JOSLIN #15464 (5.CHARLES<sup>4</sup>, 3.JOHN<sup>3</sup>, 2.JOHN<sup>2</sup>, 1.JOHN<sup>1</sup>) b. 17-Jul-1926, Exeter Registration District, ref: GRO Fiche, occupation Unknown, m. 1950, in Colchester Registration District, IRIS MARY ALLSTON #17709, b. 1926? Colchester Registration District, ref: GRO Fiche. KENNETH died -Apr-1985, Colchester Registration District.  
Children:  
i NIGEL A. JOSLIN #17710 b. 1955, Colchester Registration District, ref: GRO Fiche, occupation? Married 1982 SMITH at Havering registration District.  
ii MARTIN A. JOSLIN #17711 b. 1959, Andover Registration District, ref: GRO Fiche, occupation? Married 1981 NEDDLE at Braintree Registration District.







# OY JOSSO - AN UNUSUAL SURNAME Part 4

A personal profile By Simon Joslin

**IT'S 1985,  
THE YEAR OF LIVE AID,  
MINIMALISM, THE BIRTH OF  
ALL NIGHT T.V. RICHARD &  
JUDY, BIG HAIR AND AN OFFER  
I COULDN'T REFUSE**

## THE MIRACLE

In the spring of 1985, a fashion photographer called Clive Whittaker with whom I had worked quite a lot, told me about a young lady called Christine Vooght (of Dutch parentage) who was the Managing Director of a marketing company called Creative Link. Clive told me that Christine was looking for a senior art director to help her raise the creative profile of her business. Creative Link was a very successful company and was part of a multi-national communications

organisation whose headquarters were in the west end of London, the group was steadily growing and was well on the way to becoming one of the largest marketing communications groups in Europe.

Clive my photographer friend told me that it would be worth getting in touch with a man called Keith Naris, one of the group's account directors who was helping Ms Vooght with recruitment for the position.

One phone call to Keith Naris and the mention of my work on Pepe Jeans, L'uomo Menswear and my agency, Williams, whom he had heard a lot about, got me an interview the very next day.

Creative Link's offices at that time occupied Nos 52-54 Broadwick Street, Soho just behind Camaby Street and Liberty's, they were very large and extremely grand Georgian buildings

with high ceilings and all the original features restored and remaining, a further Georgian Styled building, designed by Prince Charles' favourite architect, Quinlan Terry, had just been completed and formed the high-tech 6 floor complex attached to the back of the Broadwick Street facade, up until this time I had always worked in decent offices, but I had not seen anything like *THIS*

before. I was shown round the conference rooms, restaurant, kitchen, production offices, research facilities, design studios and T.V. editing suites, they were straight out of the movies, I couldn't believe it, I also realised that I really was living in the latter part of the 20th Century - what was more - about half way through my interview Christine and Keith started to talk about what they would expect of me.

It appeared that they had interviewed a lot of people and were not that impressed with what they had seen, they were very open about everything and told me there and then that they were very interested in me coming to work with them, they wanted me to go home and think about what sort of remuneration package I would require to become part of their organisation, and so I did.

I suspected that the package I presented them with a week later was slightly less than what they were expected to pay for a senior art director of my experience, (I had been working for a south London advertising agency), but they included a few substantial additions which influenced my decision! At the time I had a very good job with Williams Advertising in Putney with its adjacent Young's Pubs - which I would to my sorrow, be leaving behind! - but I wanted to develop my potential as an art director to the limit and with the prospect of working on the restyled Ford Transit launch scheduled for release in 1986, DFDS

Seaways' Corporate Promotion Campaign for the British Market, Cable & Wireless - formerly Mercury Communications - domestic subscriber branding and Nicholas Laboratories Colds and Flu consumer research, I had the proverbial offer I could not turn down.

## THE VIKINGS

I have always taken chances with my career, for some reason I have always found myself in the right place at the right time and this is something that has continued to happen to the present day while running my own business.

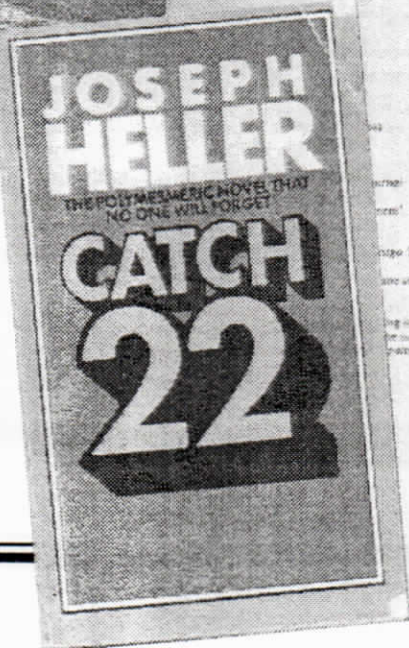
When I was offered the job at Creative Link I was frightened like I had never been frightened before, because it was a really high powered job within a huge empire of Pan European companies, but I jumped at the chance, at the time I did not know what drove me but in hindsight I have started to discover the truth. Most of my time with Creative Link was spent working with the company's biggest client, DFDS Seaways - now Scandinavian Seaways - this Northern European marine conglomerate, the result of a merger between various Norwegian, Danish, German and Swedish freight and passenger shipping companies, was, during the mid 1980s, trying to market its ship based passenger facilities both to the British leisure and corporate markets and I was assigned by Christine Vooght, who was a brilliant copywriter and became a very good friend to Yvonne and I, to assist them in this operation.

My principle point of contact was with a Swedish gentleman called Larry Bensusan, Marketing Director for the British Operation who was based with his team in of all places, Harwich in Essex! the county of mystery of which I was by that time becoming very familiar, regularly driving from my home in Richmond, Surrey round the newly completed M25 for meetings aboard the 'Tor Britannia' my favourite ship of the DFDS fleet, a vessel in which I travelled a lot during the late 1980s, art directing problem filled, stressful erratic 110 amp powered electrical photographic shoots for the company's advertisements and brochures.



Above:  
Alan Arkin as WW II  
American Airforce  
Pilot, Captain John  
Yossarian, folk hero  
to a whole postwar  
generation in Mike  
Nichols' 1971 film  
adaptation of Joseph  
Heller's classic book  
Catch-22

Right  
The 1989 reprint of  
Catch-22, its flysheet  
carrying the famous  
message.



There was only one catch...  
and that was Catch 22





## CREATIVE VISUAL COMMUNICATION

My company logomark, a design based on images characteristic of the German Bauhaus dating from the 1930s.

### GOOD EUROPEANS

Despite my Euroscepticism – which is what people like myself were beginning to be referred to at that time I became a ‘Good European’ this was simply because I was part of the European Economic Equation – I.E. I had a job in mainland Europe, also during that optimistic time – the mid 1980s – Yvonne and I bought our first house, having sold our flat in Richmond for nearly twice what we had bought it, a lovely Victorian 3 bedroom Villa called 39 Cross Street in Hampton Hill, very close to Bushy Park with 2 brilliant pubs in the High Street notably ‘The Jenny Lind’ and ‘The Duke of Clarence’, the Guinness was excellent at the latter! On the first night at No 39 it really was very strange going upstairs inside a house again after living in flats since we were teenagers, the adjacent Bushey Park was lovely with its herds of deer and acres of greenland to walk our two wirehaired dachshunds: Merlin, whom we had had for 3 years and a new puppy called Rosie whom we still have to this day.

### YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN PAL

I am sure that there have been many times in all of our lives when we have all realised that we were alone but at the same time in control of our destinies, I know from what I have learned of Fred Joslin's and my Father's experiences during those very sad and dangerous times in our history, that they really were in control of their destinies, luck? fortune? who knows, but as young men of 20 years of age they and many like them had a kind of courage, and humanity and a true sense of who they were that we today cannot even begin to understand.

‘Faith and Courage’ was the motto of St Thomas's Church of England School in Chester where I started my educational life, I think I succeeded about a fraction of the way, perhaps less, I am about to spend the rest of my life trying to finish that journey.

I can remember a very high level DFDS Seaways meeting about two weeks after I had joined Creative Link, it included Christine Vooght, my boss – the best boss I ever had – Larry Bensusan, (The client) Crispin Reed, DFDS Account Director, Jeremy Nathan, DFDS Account Group Head and Sarah Jarrett Account Group Secretary who was later to assist me on many location photo shoots and I do not to this day know what I would ever have done without her. My thoughts during that meeting one September Thursday in 1985 when someone shut the conference room door just when I was thinking (or hoping) that some other older people were going to join us, I realised that I was to coin a phrase, ‘on my own’.

But I wasn't alone, because they were too, my colleagues, WE were running it, the agency that is, it was up to us.

My time with Creative Link lasted until April 1989, when I decided that despite the prestige and the glamour I no longer wanted to work in the London advertising industry because everything had become far too big and unwieldy and with another recession looming I wanted to be in the best possible position to survive. I had ideas about starting my own business and so after a transitional period as Creative Director of an advertising agency based in Esher, I began to work for myself.

Yvonne and I had by that time moved to a bigger house in Frensham, near Farnham – where we still live – which enabled me to work from home initially, however I very quickly found out that working from home was not for me, I couldn't switch off, not even at weekends and so looked around for offices within easy reach of home. I am now settled in a lovely business park about 10 minutes away from home and after several years of struggle, my business – Creative Visual Communication – is now running very well.

### YOSSARIAN

I mentioned someone called Yossarian during the introduction to my personal profile way back in issue N0 14 and that the name was very familiar when I was growing up in the 1960s, I had built up a certain idea about this character based on what I had heard, but the truth however was much more interesting. Yossarian figured quite strongly in my life especially during my later school years and early college days, I think I must have been about 14 years old when I first tried to read Catch - 22, loads of people I knew had read it and said that it was brilliant, I had heard about Joseph Heller's controversial novel many

times but had never dared to find out about it because it was always listed as ‘Adult Fiction’ and to a little kid growing up in Chester in the early 1960s that meant sex, and we weren't allowed to read things like that. What I discovered about Catch - 22 and Yossarian – the central character – astounded me. As well as having the same nickname, I identified with Yossarian completely as did many teenagers at that time, the early 1970s because although Yossarian wasn't a hero, he wasn't a coward either.

I was regarded as different when I was at school because I had an unusual surname, Joslin – just like Yossarian – and the other kids were suspicious of me and thought I was foreign, worse still, my girlfriend, Shirley, was Irish which was not good! I was also a bit of a loner and although I was good at football and played for the local church football team, Holy Trinity first 11, I didn't support Man Utd or Liverpool like the rest of them and that meant that I was a pratt. Anyone growing up in the face of that kind of a scenario and the experience of humiliating treatment by maths teachers like Mrs Jeffs, will find Catch - 22 very familiar territory indeed, but more than that, Catch - 22 showed me that there was nothing wrong with being different.

From Yossarian, I learned how to say No, with conviction and the others? well if they feel strong enough about things then it's up to them to get up and say so too.

The ironic thing about Yossarian though is simply this, although this cool but crazy New Yorker of Armenian immigrant parents became a folk hero for a whole generation of us who grew up in the 1960s and 70s. The sequel to Catch - 22 *Closing Time* which was published 30 years after Heller's classic novel first appeared, brought the fact home to me with startling reality, that Yossarian, is my father's generation.

### NEW BRITAIN, OR... SLOWING DOWN TIME?

Shirley O'Neil lost her wonderful Irish accent about the same time that I lost my Cheshire accent. I last saw Shirley some time in 1979 when Yvonne and I were visiting my parents in Chester, I often wonder where and who Shirley O'Neil is now.

One night in 1997, Braveheart Scotland voted Yes! Yes! I went to sleep that night British and the next day I woke up English and realised that like Yossarian, that crazy Assyrian, we, the British, as a result of nothing more than mere legislation and the stroke of a British Foreign Office Civil Servant's pen, are becoming practically extinct, the English are next on the list!



### WAR BABIES

We were very fortunate our generation, Louise, Yvonne, Shirley, Howard, Alan, Heather, Sally - Anne and all the rest of us who were born in the mid 1950s and grew up in that bizarre creative vacuum that encouraged us to use our imaginations and not rely on computer games. We didn't play at being accountants or solicitors, instead we fought against the Daleks and pretended to be fighter pilots, low on fuel and desperate to get back to our airfield which was the green in front of our houses in that far off time on a housing estate in Chester far far away.

We were fortunate to grow up in a real country that had been protected for us by people who didn't even know us but sacrificed so much because they cared about us just the same.

We were also fortunate because we didn't have to experience the real horrors of war like our parents and grandparents did. How my father and his comrades coped in those dreadful annihilating battles that raged in the skies over Europe nearly half a century ago without counselling I will never ever know.

### PROTECTOR

There is one person who has been largely absent from this profile, my mother and I realised recently that I have now lived nearly half of my life without her. My wife Yvonne lost her father when she was very young and lost her mother not long before mine departed, at what point in one's life does one cease to be an orphan? is the question I still ask.

Thanks to my mother I had a good education and because of that education it has been impossible for them to bludgeon me, the way they are trying to bludgeon our history.

Thankfully there were no horrors of war for us...

no...  
Just the approaching dangers of the peace process...

...and its logical successor...

...the War Process©...

...which has still yet to be invented!

Simon Joslin  
Frensham May/June 1998

*The War Process© is an artistic and literary concept that is a property licensed to the Author Simon Joslin*





# JOSSELIN SOCIETY'S 8TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Saturday 25th September 1999  
at the Gisson's Arms, Kennford, Exeter, Devon

The A.G.M. this year at the above venue had been proposed and organized to promote contact with our members in the West Counties and in order to 'spread the message' to those unfortunates who had not heard of the Josselin Society, Peter Joslin (member No 29) carried out a postal circulation (shown below) to over 100 Joslin names taken from the telephone directories in the Devon area, informing them of this coming event, which like the millennium on the calendar, or the eclipse, should not be missed. He would also be there with his computer box of tricks and ready to autograph his works of art if asked.

Everything had been thoroughly organised by Ben Joscelyne (member No. 09) and arrangements were finally made

for a number of members to book for two nights, Friday 24th and Saturday 25th, stay in the Holiday Inn Express at Exeter, which was opened in October 1998.

When I arrived at Reception and gave the name Joscelyne I was presented with six or seven room booking cards all with Jos... on them and asked 'who are you?' Luckily there was only one W.F. Joscelyne. Other members were accommodated for the same period above at the Gissons Arms which was about four miles further down the M5/A38.

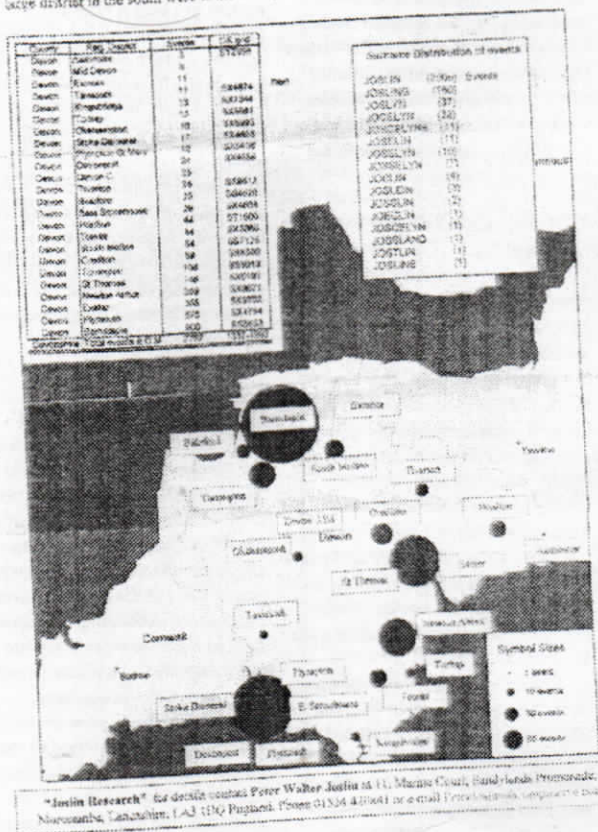
So everything was organised and under control? - EXCEPT THE WEATHER - which tried to turn motorways into rivers and every motorist turned out in force and tried to throw as much water into the air to wash the vehicle behind.

What a journey!! We were thankful that everyone arrived safely. Those members staying at the Holiday Express had an evening meal together in the Barn Owl, which is a Pub/Resaurant adjacent to the Inn, where we enjoyed a good meal at a reasonable price in a happy atmosphere. After our meal we returned to the Inn for a 'nightcap' in the lounge bar and then retired to our rooms for the night.

I met our group the following morning having a light breakfast in the dining area and then we motored down the road for our gathering in the Function Room of the Gissons Arms which is an old looking pub, built with many

levels inside and quite interesting. Our private room was furnished with a number of tables and chairs, seating four or six to a table. We were able to set up our information containing a wide variety of items. Peter (member No 29) established himself in a corner, and after setting up his computer and microfilm viewer, was soon in great demand by members seeking information and advice. I think he started to grow 'roots' himself after being in the same spot for a long time. He was able to leave his set-up for a mid-day meal with his wife Margaret, when our interest in Genealogy was interrupted by an interest in

This map shows the distribution of Joslin's in the Devonshire area during the period 1837 to 1996 and records all the Joslin Births - Deaths - Marriages in the county. A total of 2,787 events. It can be seen the Barnstaple registration district has by far the most events, remember that Exeter and St Thomas districts are in the same area. And Plymouth, Plympton, East Stonehouse, Stoke Damarel and Devonport form a large district in the south west of the county. The Registration code for Devon is 50



**JOSSELIN SOCIETY**

**JOSLIN'S TO MEET IN DEVON**

On Saturday the 25th September this year the "Josselin" Society will hold a family history day near Exeter.

You may think, so what?

Almost 10 years ago the Josselin Society was formed in the South East of England and now has over 100 members world wide, but only five in the Devon area. In the past we have had gatherings at Bury St. Edmunds, Llantrisant, Brooklands, Lough-on-Sea, Alfring, Risings, Stortford, Hyde Hill and two visits to the Chateau Josselin in Brittany. The Society members meet at least three times a year, and have a good quality newsletter where we can all communicate with each other.

Next time we hold "Josselin 2000" our big millennium reunion event. Historically we have found that in England there are two major areas of Joslin's one is Essex, and the other is Devon (the reason for this is not apparent) but the aim of our meeting on the 25th is to try and bring together the two large families of Joslin.

- Please come and meet us, and share your family history, we will, in return, have the following help available for you to search on computer or microfiche.
- \* The full census details of all the people in Devon around the year 1851 \*
  - \* The full census details of all the people in England, Scotland, and Wales in 1881 \*
  - \* All Joslin civil Births, Deaths, and Marriages from 1837 to 1992 \*
  - \* Family Trees and Pedigree of Joslin's \*
  - \* Help on starting your own family tree \*
  - \* Starter packs \*
  - \* Computer programmes for Family History \*
  - \* Internet advice \*
  - \* The Joslin's who died and are commemorated in the war graves commission \*

WE WOULD LOVE TO MEET YOU

PLEASE SPARE THE TIME TO POP IN AND HAVE A CHAT WITH US

At the  
**GISSONS ARMS, Kennford, Exeter**  
11.00 am to 4.30 pm

The venue is on the A31, 5 miles NW of Junction 31 of the M5

The annual general meeting of the society will take place for a short period during part of the afternoon

All variations of the surname Joslin are researched world-wide by the JOSSELIN society and include the following spellings:

**JOSLIN - JOSLING - JOSSELYN**  
**JOSCELYNE - JOSLYN - JOSLINE - JOSLEN**  
**JOSTLING - JOSELIN - JOYCELYN - JOCELYN etc.**

For more details visit the website: [www.josselin.org.uk](http://www.josselin.org.uk)

New Joscelynes our members contact at: 79, Trinity Green Road, Stratford, Essex, CM9 9SE

Peter Joslin is available by phone on 01524 420841 or e-mail [peter.joslin@compuserve.com](mailto:peter.joslin@compuserve.com)



## JOSSELIN SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting held near Exeter, Devon. England 1999



*Left to Right on the back row*

**Ben and Mary Joscelyne (Braintree) Bill Joslin (Gt. Torrington) David Joslin (Bridgwater)**  
**Nick Joscelyne (Potters Bar) Paul Michael Joslin (Pangborne)**  
**Richard and Peggy Joslin (Witham) Peter Walter Joslin (Morecambe) Rita and Colin**  
**Joslin (Bideford) Brenda Joslin (Honiton) Maxine and Arthur Joslin (Cardiff)**  
**Bill Joscelyne (South Ockendon)**

*Left to right on the front row.*

**Jean Joscelyne (Winsford) Thelma Joslin (Cardiff) Violet Joslin (Bickington)**  
**Pamela Joslin (Totnes) Kathleen Joslin (Pangborne) Margaret Joslin (Morecambe)**  
**Diane Kirby (Colchester) Maureen Binks (Corryingham) Brenda Joscelyne (Potters Bar)**

*Others who attended our family history day but missed the photo were*

**Karen Margaret & Kevin Horner (Preston) David Philip and Robert and Juliet Joslin**  
**(Barnstaple), Pamela Wingett and Muriel Bennett (Plymouth) Paul Presswell (Totnes)**  
**John Richard and Jane Joslin (Henley-on-Thames)**

*Photo by Derek Kirby (Colchester)*

Your committee would welcome member's views for the venue for our next  
**Annual General Meeting in the year "2000"**

Suggestions were made at our Devon meeting that we should find a place  
approximately mid-way between Devon and Essex and also consider the members  
from the north of England.

The areas around **Cheltenham, Swindon, Oxford and the Cotswolds** come to mind,

If there is a Josselin connection that would be a bonus

If any one has ideas of a suitable place, please let Ben Joscelyne our membership  
secretary know, so that plans can be made.



food and something to quench the thirst.

At two o'clock we were asked to stop playing with our toys and turn our attention to the business of the A.G.M. This went ahead smoothly, the majority of Officers and Committee being re-elected. I was sorry to hear that our secretary, Ann Thompson, (member No 13), wished to stand down from re-election due to a new business venture she has embarked on, and wish her every success. Unfortunately another nomination for Secretary could not be found and the position was left in abeyance until a later date.

After the A.G.M. we were able to enjoy a short period of discussion among ourselves before we had to vacate our room at five o'clock.

Seven of us staying at the Inn met for our last evening meal at the Barn Owl, while others went into Exeter for their food. We went back to the holiday Inn after our meal, and following coffee in the lounge dispersed reasonably early as we had to embark on our homeward run the next day.

Sunday morning, those staying at the Holiday Inn had breakfast together before paying our bills and saying goodbyes. At that time, about nine-thirty, the morning was quite sunny and so it continued during my ride to Exmouth and day with my son Simon (member No 20). After an enjoyable day with the family, I decided to leave for Essex and home at five-thirty. IT THEN STARTED TO RAIN, and then it poured all the way until I arrived home at ten-thirty, AND IT STOPPED RAINING!! The journey was a nightmare in the dark, but I was thankful that I had arrived back home after an enjoyable time with friends and family in every sense of the word.

My thanks go to all those who helped arrange our weekend and to all members and visitors who attended.

It is worth recording here, that we had 31 names on our register of attendance plus 5 others who didn't sign at the venue on Saturday for the A.G.M. of which 15 were from Devon, a very rewarding response for the organizers, and for Peter, following his excellent mail drop.

Bill Joscelyne

## JOSLIN RESEARCH Part I

Here we begin an occasional series looking at the activities of Joslin Research

**P**eter Walter Joslin of Lancashire (member No 29) has for over 10 years been accumulating a vast database on the Joslin lineage, shown here and on the following page are some examples of different aspects of his extensive research.



### Married for 66 years

Gwendolyn Annie Joslin was Baptised at Terling Parish Church on 14th July 1912 the daughter of David and Rose. She had five brothers and two sisters.

On the 23rd April 1933 Gwen married George William Chaplin at Terling Parish Church. Gwen & George met each other when they both worked at a big house near Coggeshall. George was the chauffeur and gardener and was 17, Gwen was the parlour maid aged 14. Gwen's Mother was horrified when Gwen told her she had met a young man. When George took Gwen out in the Masters car she had to hide on the back seat so the Master or Mistress of the house didn't see her.

Gwen then moved on to become Nanny to David Hicks who eventually married Lady Pamela Mountbatten, the daughter of Lord Lewes Mountbatten of Burma who later became Viceroy of India.

When they married, George was 24, Gwen 21, and they took over a Fish & Chip Shop in London for several years until George contracted rheumatic fever and had to give it up. They then moved to Terling and George eventually took up a gardener's job for Gerald Strutt. He stayed there for 27 years until they moved to a bungalow at Springfield Nr Chelmsford where George took up a job as caretaker at Highlands School, Writtle. George now spends his time with many hobbies including, Marquetry and making Boats out of Tesco's tomato boxes, Wine making, and Cooking. Gwen's hobbies are, Needlework, Knitting, Tapestry, and anything in the cooking line, she enters many shows and usually gets a Gold Award. Their latest hobby is making soft toys and collector bears.

Gwen is the only surviving sister of the late Frederick William Joslin of Chelmsford.

(Fact not Fiction)



### DEAD MANS PENNY

Through "Joslin Research" I have made contact with the retired Rector of Rivenhall (1966-1983) the Rev'd David Nash. David spent ?? Years in the Diocese in Essex and has made a study of the area including the parish records of Rivenhall and Cressing. In my constant search for my elusive GGG-father JOSEPH JOSLIN (born 1805) we have exchanged lots of data, imagine my surprise when one morning the postman delivered a weighty package from Cornwall and inside was a large bronze medallion the like of which I had not seen before, it was 5 inch in diameter and inscribed to "WILLIAM WALTER JOSLIN He died for freedom and Honour"

a note from David stated that the medallion had been found at Cressing in the early 1980s in the ashes of a bonfire. The history of the bronze medallions was that after the first world war all it was decided to issue them to all the families of those killed in the war. It is said that some families thought of it as an insult and returned or destroyed them. This is why it is referred to as the dead mans penny

My research on William Walter JOSLIN shows that he died aged 30 years old on Saturday the 3rd of November 1917 in Palestine and is remembered with honour in the Deir El Belah war cemetery Israel. He was a Private in "A" Coy. 1st/5th Bn. Essex Reg. He was the son of Thomas and Emma (nee Surridge) JOSLIN of Links Cottages, Cressing and a native of Rivenhall.

Data obtained from  
Birth Certificate (born 17th June 1887). Parents Marriage Cert. Will.  
Census 1891-1881-1871-1861-1851-1841  
C. War Graves C. & War memorial Cressing  
SDGW CD-ROM  
BK No.4675

(Fact not Fiction)

MAGNA CARTA  
King John's charter of Liberties for the freemen of  
England. Signed at Runnymede in 1215  
Amongst the signatories you will find  
JOCELIN Archbishop of Bath and Glastonbury  
(Fact not Fiction)





# JOSLIN RESEARCH Part I, continued

## Joslin's who died serving their country

At the end of 1998 two sources of information became readily available to the general public.

**First** was the release of a CD-ROM (computer compact disk) of all the Soldiers that died in the first world war 1914-1919. In 1921 81 volumes embracing every regiment and corps of the British Army were published listing about 635,000 Soldiers and 37,000 officers who died in the war. Copies could be consulted at the Public Records Office in London. All 81 volumes are now on a CD-ROM and searches by either Surname, Rank, Regiment, Service number, Birth and Death dates etc. Searches take seconds and usually give you where the Soldier enlisted, where he lived and where he Died (theatre of war) and the date. A sample is attached below ( Peter W. Joslin has the CD-ROM and will search it for you) For details of your own disk try <http://www.great-war-casualties.com> or phone 01435 830111 cost £259.00

**Second** source to become easily available to us in the database of all the personal who died and have graves or memorials looked after by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) their register gives details of over 1,700,000 members of commonwealth forces who died in both world wars and 60,000 civilian casualties of the second world war. The CWGC. has always been very helpful in supplying details of the records in their charge, but in November 1998, it established a searchable web site on the internet. Now anyone in the world can, via a Computer and telephone line make a search of the massive database. A sample of the results of a search are attached below, Most of the results I have received gave me lots of additional data i.e. The name of the service mans wife and address or his or her parents and their address etc The database give us the cemetery or memorial place and a history of the area and exact details of how to find the memorial. The CWGC memorials are located in around 150 countries. Remember this database covers all branches of our services and the Commonwealth and 60,000 civilians.

The web site to try is <http://www.cwgc.org>

**Marjorie Joy Collins (Nee Joslin)**  
Of Qualicum Beach BC. Canada. Born July 27th 1948  
Passed Away Peacefully On April 12th 1998 At The  
Royal Jubilee Hospice Victoria BC.  
Joy was preceded by her son Nathan and Husband Randy  
who will be deeply missed by her daughter Stacey and  
parents **Herb and Joyce Joslin**, brother **Kim** (Cathy  
Joslin) nephew **Kevin Joslin** and numerous Aunts, Un-  
cles, and Cousins, Joy was born and grew up in Alberta,  
who spent most of her adult life on Vancouver Island.  
Joy received her B.A. and B.Ed. From the University of  
Calgary, she will be remembered as a devoted teacher  
and an active member of St. Marks Anglican Church,  
Joy lived her life with humour, surrounded by loving  
friends.  
Her laughter and love will live forever in our hearts.

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### One of the explanation of the name

#### JOSSELYN

Josselyn is a variation of Jocelyn, taken from an Old French name by circuitous route, by way of Goscelin, Gosselin, Joscelin, which was brought to England before the Conquest but was spread by the Normans' wide-spread usage of the given name. Most versions have Germanic origins from Gauzelin, a variation of several names with Gant (a tribal reference) as part of the name. It was eventually adopted as a diminutive form of the Old French given name Josse.

Variations are Joscelyne, Joscelyn, Josclin, Joslen, Joslin, Josling, Joslyn, Josland



## OUR THANKS

Many thanks to those members who helped out with articles material and pictures in this our 17th issue. We cannot say enough how vital your contributions are to the Josselin Journal, it is you, the readers who make the magazine possible, without your stories, articles there would be nothing to publish so please send in anything you can that may be of interest, if you have any pictures to accompany your articles don't hesitate to submit them we promise to look after them.

Goodbye for now

Any articles, pictures etc for publication in the Josselin Journal should be sent to the Editor: Bill Joscelyne, 74 Celandine Close, South Ockendon. RM15 6JA

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## DIARY DATE!!! THE JOSLINS OF RAYNE

Following extensive research into Wills and Parish Records our President RICHARD JOSLIN (No 38) who will be on a visit from Australia will address the society on:

SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 1999

at

THE GREEN MAN, GOSFIELD, NEAR  
BRAINTREE

In continuing his research from information obtained from Essex Record Office, Richard has recently been able to put together family trees of three separate Joslin families centred on Rayne and Felsted and extending to over 300 names from the mid 16th century to the mid 18th century

The meeting will commence at 10.30 a.m. and Richard will talk at 11 a.m. Lunch will follow at 1p.m. with time for a discussion afterwards, all to take place in our own room

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